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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF WATER

The Honorable Kurt Schrader
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Schrader:

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I appreciate your patience during this process. The EPA and NOAA are committed to working with Oregon as it continues to improve its water quality programs across all categories of nonpoint source pollution. Addressing coastal nonpoint source pollution will require the involvement of many agencies in Oregon, including not only the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Land Conservation and Development, which serve as Oregon's co-leads for the coastal nonpoint program, but others as well, particularly the Departments of Forestry and Agriculture. The EPA and NOAA look forward to keeping you informed as we address these issues.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any further questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Denis Borum in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at borum.denis@epa.gov or (202) 564-4836.

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